August 30, 2007

The Honorable Mark Sanford South Carolina State House P. O. Box 11829 Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Governor Sanford:

Enclosed are the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department's budget request materials for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Our request includes no proviso changes.

Our department continues to operate in an extremely cost effective manner. Despite the 17% reduction in state funding since FY2001, the department continues to lead all state VR programs in the U.S. Our cost per successful rehabilitation is the lowest in the nation, and we rank second nationally in the number of people rehabilitated per 100,000 population.

We are requesting no additional recurring appropriations at this time, but we are requesting one time funding for maintenance projects at four of our offices. Two of the offices need to have roofs replaced. In addition, the parking and access at two of the offices have degraded to the point that client and staff safety has become an issue.

Successfully rehabilitated SCVRD clients enjoy the rewards of employment, lessen their reliance on disability benefits, and become taxpayers. We hope that the upcoming appropriation process will enable us to continue to provide services at a high level of effectiveness and cost efficiency for our state.

Sincerely,

Larry C. Bryant Commissioner

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FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 BUDGET PLAN

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A. Agency Section/Code/Name: Section 7 - H-73 Vocational Rehabilitation

B. Statewide Mission:

The mission of the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department is to enable eligible South Carolinians with disabilities to prepare for, achieve and maintain competitive employment. When our agency succeeds in its mission, the state realizes a return on its investment in the vocational rehabilitation program because successfully rehabilitated clients are converted from disability benefits recipients into taxpaying members of South Carolina's work force.

- C. Summary Description of Strategic or Long-Term Goals:
- (1) Prepare and place into competitive employment as many eligible South Carolinians with disabilities as the department's resources will allow. (*Acc. Report Fig. 7.1-1, 7.1-4*)
- (2) Continually improve service delivery to effect Program Integrity, which reflects a balance among compliance with enabling legislation, quality customer service and productivity, adding up to successful outcomes for clients. This is accomplished through a team concept maximizing new technologies and human resource development, with oversight from the Committee on Rehabilitation Excellence. (Accountability Report sections 1.5, 1.6, Figs.7.1-2, 7.1-3, 7.1-5)
- (3) Provide exceptional customer focused vocational rehabilitation services resulting in competitive employment at an average cost significantly less than national and regional averages among vocational rehabilitation programs. (Acc. Report Fig. 7-3-1, 7.3-2)
- (4) Build strong partnerships with South Carolina's business community and other agencies to maximize the employment potential of citizens with disabilities. (*Acc. Report Fig. 7.1-6, 7.1-17*)
- (5) Build for the future by providing an exceptional Professional Development and Leadership Program to prepare staff for leadership roles. (Acc. Report Section 7.4)
- (6) Seek alternative funding to improve the department's level of services through acquisition of grants, increased reimbursements from the Social Security Administration for job placements of clients who no longer rely on disability benefits, and coordination of payment for services by third party agencies/organizations. (*Acc. Report Fig. 7.3-4, 7.3-7*)
- (7) Enhance school-to-work transition services to enable more students with significant disabilities to become self-supportive, productive citizens through gainful employment. (Acc. Report Executive Summary, page 6)
- (8) Redirection of Staff Resources; the agency continues to examine its staffing patterns and staff roles to maximize its resources. Some administrative roles are being centralized to effect cost savings and make the best use of local staff in service delivery areas. (Acc. Report Executive Summary, pages 2 & 5)
- (9) Development and implementation of enhanced case management system; the system is being designed to follow the logical flow of service delivery in a totally electronic, user-friendly environment that maximizes staff resources. (Acc. Report, Fig. 6.1-1)

(10) Training Center Balance; VR work training centers seek to balance financial impact with the need to provide a variety of rehabilitation services of the greatest benefit to clients. (Acc Report Fig., 7.3-5, 7.3-6)

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Summary	of Operating Budget		F	UNDING				FTE	S	
Priorities for FY 2008-09:		State Non-	State		0.1	T	g, ,			
		Recurring	Recurring	Federal	Other	Total	State	Fed.	Other	Total
Priority	Title:	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	0	0	0	0.00
No.:										
Strategic (Goal No. Referenced in									
Item C Ab	ove (if applicable):									
Activity N	lumber & Name:									
Priority	Title:	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	0	0	0	0.00
No.:										
Strategic (Goal No. Referenced in									
Item C Ab	ove (if applicable):									
Activity N	lumber & Name:									
Priority	Title:	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	0	0	0	0.00
No.:										
Strategic (Goal No. Referenced in									
Item C Ab	ove (if applicable):									
Activity N	lumber & Name:									
TOTAL C	F ALL PRIORITIES	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

E. Agency Recurring Base Appropriation:

State \$ 14,219,984 Federal\$ 88,863,219 Other \$ 20,688,313

F. Efficiency Measures:

a. The department ranks first nationally in the lowest cost per rehabilitation, is ninth in lowest cost per client served, and is second nationally in the number of people rehabilitated per 100,000 population. (Acc. Report Fig. 7.3-1, 7.3-2, 7.1-4)

- b. Cost benefit analysis shows that for every dollar spent on their rehabilitation, SCVRD clients who become employed increase their earnings by \$13.71. They return an estimated \$3.19 in taxes for every dollar spent on their rehabilitation. They repay the cost of their rehabilitation in an average of 4.96 years, an annual rate of return of 20.2 percent. The rate of return has improved the past 5 years. (*Acc. Report Fig. 7.3-3.*)
- c. The agency's Program Integrity index, a formal scorecard for compliance, customer service and productivity provides specific results that can be broken down at many levels, from team performance to statewide performance. The system enables the department to identify opportunities for improvement in meeting customer needs and drives corrective actions, such as shifts in personnel or development of new training. (*Accountability Report sections 1.5, 1.6, Figs.7.1-2, 7.1-3, 7.1-5*)
- d. The department reimbursements from the Social Security Administration were \$663,638 in FY 2007. This reimbursement is a direct reflection of savings realized by Social Security because the department's clients became competitively employed and no longer needed SSI/SSDI benefits. (*Acc. Report Fig.* 7.3-4)
- e. The agency continued to redirect staff roles to better utilize personnel and enhance customer service. This included centralization of procurement and accounting duties and psychological services, which freed up positions for direct service related duties. (Acc.Report Executive Summary, pages 2 and 5)

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Summary of	Capital Budget Priorities:		Additional State Funds	Previously Authorized State Funds	Total Other Fund Sources	Project Total
Priority No.:	Project Name: Gaffney VR Center	Project No*:	\$300,000	0	0	\$300,000
1	- Reroofing					
	Activity Number & Name: 839					
	Direct Client Services					
Priority No.:	Project Name: Anderson VR	Project No*:	\$350,000	0	0	\$350,000
2	Center - Reroofing					
	Activity Number & Name: 839					
	Direct Client Services					
Priority No.:	Project Name: Florence VR Center	Project No*:	\$200,000	0	0	\$200,000
3	– Parking Lot					
	Activity Number & Name: 839					
	Direct Client Services					

Priority No.:	Project Name: Oconee VR Center	Project No*:	\$150,000	0	0	\$150,000
4	– Parking Lot					
	Activity Number & Name: 839					
	Direct Client Services					
TOTAL OF A	ALL CAPITAL BUDGET PRIORITI	ES	\$1,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$1,000,000

H. Number of Proviso Changes: None

I. Signature/Agency Contacts/Telephone Numbers:

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II. DETAILED JUSTIFICATION FOR FY 2008-09 OPERATING BUDGET PRIORITIES

A.	Agency	Section/0	Code/N	lame:/	-H/3-	Vocational	Rehabilitatio	n

- B. Priority No. ___ of ___ **N/A**
- C. (1) Title:
 - (2) Summary Description:
 - (3) Strategic Goal/Action Plan (if applicable):
- D. Budget Program Number and Name:
- E. Agency Activity Number and Name:
- F. Detailed Justification for Funding
 - (1) Justification for Funding Increase:

(2)

Federal	Other	Total
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		\$ 0
		\$ 0
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		0 \$ 0 \$ 0 austification for FTEs) below.

(3)	Base	Approp	riation
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State \$
Federal \$
Other \$

4)	Is this priority associated with a Capital Budget Priority?	 If yes, state	e Capital Budge	t Priority 1	Number and	d Project
	Name: .					

G. Detailed Justification for FTEs

- (1) Justification for New FTEs
 - (a) Justification:
 - (b) Future Impact on Operating Expenses or Facility Requirements:

(2) Position Details:

	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total
Position Title:					
(a) Number of FTEs					0.00
(b) Personal Service					\$ 0
(c) Employer Contributions					\$ 0

	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total
Position Title:					
(a) Number of FTEs					0.00
(b) Personal Service					\$ 0
(c) Employer Contributions					\$ 0

	(3)	FTEs in Program Area per FY 2007-08 Appropriation Act: State
		Federal
		Other
		Agency-wide Vacant FTEs as of July 31, 2007:%
H.	Oth	er Comments:

	Agency Section/Code/Name: Sect	10n / – H/3 – Vocationa	ii Kenabiiitation		
B.	Priority No. <u>1</u> of <u>4</u>				
C.	Strategic Goal/Action Plan (if app	licable):			
D.	Project Name and Number (if app	licable):			
E.	Agency Activity Number and Nan	ne: 839 – Direct Client S	ervices		
F.	Description of Priority: Gaffney V approximately 20,000 square feet	*	ng facility. Reroofing Gaffney V	R Center building consist	ting of
G.	Detailed Justification for Funding				
(1)		•	e roof was constructed, it has dev		
(2)	required patching. The roof contigeopardizing the deck and content believe it would be prudent to accompany to the property of the content of	inues to deteriorate as ments of the building. We d	ore leaks occur, and it is not feas	ible to continue patching in the CPIP plan for 200	without
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•	required patching. The roof cont jeopardizing the deck and content believe it would be prudent to act to ac	Additional State Funds \$300,000 costs from any source of the tinned tin	ore leaks occur, and it is not feastid not anticipate this as a priority fore costly damage is done to the Previously Authorized State Funds f funding are anticipated upon properating Costs) below.	tible to continue patching in the CPIP plan for 200 building. Total Other Fund Sources	without 7; however, we Project Total \$300,00

(3)						
(3)	Additional Annual Operating Cost Details:	State Non-Recurring	State Recurring	Federal	Other	Total
	Total Costs:					0.00
	(a) Number of FTEs					0.00
	(b) Total Personnel Costs					\$ (
	(c) Furniture/Equipment (d) Other Operating Costs					\$ C \$ C
	Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (
	cification for First Full Year Addition complete this section.) Will additional annual operating of the section of the sectio	osts be absorbed into your	existing budget?		iull year's operati	ing funds, do

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Additional Annual Operating Cost Details:	State Non-Recurring	State Recurring	Federal	Other	Total
Total Costs:					
(a) Number of FTEs					0.00
(b) Total Personnel Costs					\$ 0
(c) Furniture/Equipment					\$ 0
(d) Other Operating Costs					\$ 0

Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

J. Other Comments:

	١.	Agency	Section/C	Code/Name	Section	7 - H73 -	Vocational	Rehabilitati
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- B. Priority No. <u>2</u> of <u>4</u>
- E. Strategic Goal/Action Plan (if applicable):
- F. Project Name and Number (*if applicable*):
- E. Agency Activity Number and Name: 839 Direct Client Services
- F. Description of Priority: Anderson VR Center Repair existing facility. Reroofing Anderson VR Center building consisting of approximately 28,000 square feet of roof deck.
- G. Detailed Justification for Funding
 - (1) Justification for Funding Priority: The roof is approximately 20 years old and needs to be replaced before water further deteriorates the deck, the ceiling, and contents of the building. Leaks have been repaired in the existing roof, however, the size and frequency of the leaks are increasing. Included as priority 2 in plan year 2008-2009 on the 2007 CPIP.

(2)

Total Project Cost	Additional	Previously Authorized	Total Other	Project
Estimates:	State Funds	State Funds	Fund Sources	Total
Total Project Cost*	\$350,000			\$350,000

^{*} If additional annual operating costs from any source of funding are anticipated upon project completion please complete Sections H and I (Justification for Additional Future Annual Operating Costs) below.

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(1)	Will additional annual operating costs be absorbed into your existing budget?
	If not, will additional state funds be needed in the future?
	If state funds will not be needed in the future, explain the source(s) that will be used.

(3)						
(3)	Additional Annual Operating Cost Details:	State Non-Recurring	State Recurring	Federal	Other	Total
	Total Costs:					0.00
	(a) Number of FTEs					0.00
	(b) Total Personnel Costs					\$ C \$ C
	(c) Furniture/Equipment (d) Other Operating Costs					\$ 0
	Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (\$ 0	\$ 0
	ification for First Full Year Addition complete this section.)	onal Future Annual Operation	ng Costs (If Section H	I above represents	s a full year's oper	ating funds, do
(2)	Will additional annual operating If not, will additional state funds If state funds will not be needed in	be needed in the future?				
(2)	First Full Fiscal Year Additional	Annual Operating Costs Ar	re Anticipated:			

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Additional Annual Operating Cost Details:	State Non-Recurring	State Recurring	Federal	Other	Total
Total Costs:	14011-Reculting	Recuiring	reucrai	Other	Total
(a) Number of FTEs					0.00
(b) Total Personnel Costs					\$ 0
(c) Furniture/Equipment					\$ 0
(d) Other Operating Costs					\$ 0

Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

K. Other Comments:

- A. Agency Section/Code/Name: Section 7 H73 Vocational Rehabilitation
- B. Priority No. _3__ of _4__
- G. Strategic Goal/Action Plan (if applicable):
- H. Project Name and Number (if applicable):
- E. Agency Activity Number and Name: 839 Direct Client Services
- F. Description of Priority: Florence VR Center Repave Parking Lot
- G. Detailed Justification for Funding
 - (1) Justification for Funding Priority: The parking lot at the Florence VR Center is over 20 years old, and is cracked and deteriorating. We have been patching the potholes with gravel, but it continues to worsen because the base has deteriorated. Without repaving and replacing with a proper gravel base, the parking lot will continue to degenerate and become more of a safety hazard for our client and employees. We did not anticipate this as a priority in the CPIP plan for 2007; however, we believe it would be prudent to address the issue since it is hazardous to our client and staff.

(2)

Total Project Cost	Additional	Previously Authorized	Total Other	Project
Estimates:	State Funds	State Funds	Fund Sources	Total
Total Project Cost*	\$200,000			\$200,000

^{*} If additional annual operating costs from any source of funding are anticipated upon project completion please complete Sections H and I (Justification for Additional Future Annual Operating Costs) below.

H. Justification for First Year Additional Future Annual Operating Costs: Not Applicable

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	Additional Annual Operating	State	State	F. 1	0.4	7 7. 4. 1
	Cost Details:	Non-Recurring	Recurring	Federal	Other	Total
	Total Costs:					0.00
	(a) Number of FTEs (b) Total Personnel Costs					0.00 \$ 0
	(c) Furniture/Equipment					\$ 0
	(d) Other Operating Costs					\$ 0
	Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
	tification for First Full Year Addition complete this section.) Will additional annual operating of If not, will additional state funds of If state funds will not be needed in	costs be absorbed into you be needed in the future? In the future, explain the s	ur existing budget?ource(s) that will be use	ed	full year's opera	ting funds, do
(2)	First Full Fiscal Year Additional	Annual Operating Costs A	Are Anticipated:			
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	Additional Annual	State	State			
	Operating Cost Details:	Non-Recurring	Recurring	Federal	Other	Total

(a) Number of FTEs					0.00
(b) Total Personnel Costs					\$ 0
(c) Furniture/Equipment					\$ 0
(d) Other Operating Costs					\$ 0
Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

L. Other Comments:

- A. Agency Section/Code/Name: Section 7 H73 Vocational Rehabilitation
- B. Priority No. _4__ of _4__
- I. Strategic Goal/Action Plan (if applicable):
- J. Project Name and Number (*if applicable*):
- E. Agency Activity Number and Name: 839 Direct Client Services
- F. Description of Priority: Oconee VR Center Repave Parking Lot
- G. Detailed Justification for Funding
 - (1) Justification for Funding Priority: The parking lot at the Oconee VR Center is aging, cracked and deteriorating. We have been patching the potholes with gravel, but it continues to worsen because the base has deteriorated. Without repaying and replacing with a proper gravel base, the parking lot will continue to degenerate and become more of a safety hazard for our client and employees. We did not anticipate this as a priority in the CPIP plan for 2007; however, we believe it would be prudent to address the issue since it is hazardous to our client and staff.

(2)

Total Project Cost	Additional	Previously Authorized	Total Other	Project
Estimates:	State Funds	State Funds	Fund Sources	Total
Total Project Cost*	\$150,000			\$150,000

^{*} If additional annual operating costs from any source of funding are anticipated upon project completion please complete Sections H and I (Justification for Additional Future Annual Operating Costs) below.

H. Justification for First Year Additional Future Annual Operating Costs: Not Applicable

	First Fiscal Year Additional Annuar's operating funds? I					
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	Cost Details: Total Costs:	Non-Recurring	Recurring	Federal	Other	Total
	(a) Number of FTEs					0.00
	(b) Total Personnel Costs					\$ 0
	(c) Furniture/Equipment					\$ 0
	(d) Other Operating Costs					\$ 0
	Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
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	If state funds will not be needed if					
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(2) (3)		Annual Operating Costs A State	re Anticipated: State	_		
` '	First Full Fiscal Year Additional			Federal	Other	Total

(a) Number of FTEs					0.00
(b) Total Personnel Costs					\$ 0
(c) Furniture/Equipment					\$ 0
(d) Other Operating Costs					\$ 0
Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

M. Other Comments:

FY 2008-09 COST SAVINGS & ACTIVITY PRIORITY ADDENDUM

I. PRIORITY ASSESSMENT OF ACTIVITIES – HIGHEST PRIORITIES

A. Agency Section/Code/Name: Section 7 – H73 – Vocational Rehabilitation

B.

Priority Assessment of Activities –				Capital			
Highest Priorities	General	Federal	Supplemental	Reserve	Other	Total	FTEs
Activity Number & Name: 839 Direct	\$10,392,899	\$31,244,219	0	\$1,500,000	\$159,370	\$43,296,488	744.91
Client Services							
Activity Number & Name:850	0	35,044,900	0	0	2,893,500	\$37,938,400	322.36
Disability Determination Services							
Activity Number & Name:849	0	0	0	0	17,000,000	\$17,000,000	0
Workshop Production							
Activity Number & Name: 840 Case	1,570,789	10,432,783	0	0	0	\$12,003,572	0
Services, Purchased							
Activity Number & Name: 1517	537,540	1,881,145	0	0	3,624	\$2,422,309	34.00
Residential Substance Abuse Vocational							
Counseling Centers							
TOTAL OF HIGHEST PRIORITES	\$12,501,228	\$78,603,047	\$ 0	\$1,500,000	\$20,056,494	\$112,660,769	1,101.27
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FY 2008-09 ACTIVITY PRIORITY ADDENDUM

II. PRIORITY ASSESSMENT OF ACTIVITIES – LOWEST PRIORITIES

- A. Agency Section/Code/Name: Section 7 H73 Vocational Rehabilitation
- B. Agency Activity Number and Name: 847 Extended Rehabilitation Services
- C. Explanation of Lowest Priority Status: Extended Rehabilitation services are provided to individuals who have been determined to be ineligible for vocational rehabilitation services due to the severity of their impairment. These services are provided on a limited and infrequent basis in a rehabilitation training center setting as an opportunity to progress toward a level of productivity indicative of competitive employment potential

D. Estimate of Savings:

Estimate of Savings:	General	Federal	Supplemental	Capital Reserve	Other	Total
Personnel:						
(a) Number of FTEs	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
(b) Personal Service	0		0	0	0	\$ 0
(c) Employer Contributions	0		0	0	0	\$ 0
Program/Case Services	\$3,000	0	0	0	0	\$3,000
Pass-Through Funds	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0
Other Operating Expenses		0	0	0	0	\$ 0
Total	\$3,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$3,000

D. Activity Impact (*Describe the impact on the activity affected including the impact on customers and clients*.): Because of the limited nature of this activity, the impact is expected to be minor.

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<u>F.</u>

Summary of Priority Assessment of				Capital			
Activities – Lowest Priorities	General	Federal	Supplemental	Reserve	Other	Total	FTEs
Activity Number & Name:847 Extended	3,000	0	0	0	0	\$3,000	0
Rehabilitation Services							
Activity Number & Name:	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	0
Activity Number & Name:	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	0
Activity Number & Name:	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	0
Activity Number & Name:	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	0
TOTAL OF LOWEST PRIORITES	\$3,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$3,000	0.00